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We do not read anonymous letters and communications. The name and address of the writer are in all cases indispensable, not necessarily for publication but as a guarantee of good faith. We cannot undertake to return or preserve communications that are not used.

Now that the small pox is well established in Montreal the people have begun to wake up to the necessity of vaccination.

Gerónimo's band seems to be thoroughly broken up. But unfortunately Gerónimo himself has succeeded in escaping, though in a crippled condition.

Precisely where the fault lies we do not know, but there is obviously fault somewhere when the collar of a school house is left in such a condition that it goes into a man has to put on rubber boots.

Judging from the way the Democrats are now performing the President will need all the strength he accumulates in the Adirondacks and more to successfully resist their demand for a clean sweep when he gets back to Washington.

Gen. Butler has taken the trouble to let it be known to the President that he has a very excellent opinion of the administration, and thinks Mr. Cleveland is destined to be one of the biggest and best Presidents the country has ever had. The President should write directly and ask him what he wants.

The Governor General of Canada has notified the state department that Mr. Whelan, recently appointed consul at Fort Erie, will not be received. The ground of refusal is the fact that Whelan was convicted in the Fenian raid into Canada in 1865. It is a good substantial ground, too. Whelan should be promptly withdrawn.

The Boston Post's Washington despatch says the administration has determined that hereafter whenever a person's unfitness for office is discovered by the appointing authority, the names of all the persons who recommended him, and if it had been put in practice some time ago the President would not have been deceived so often.

An associated press dispatch from Plymouth, N. H., says:

"The accounts of the last freshet, as printed in Boston and New York papers, were extremely exaggerated, with the result that the damage was comparatively trifling here. The flood was a slight land slide on Mill Brook, which badly swept and buried up a few farms."

Land is getting very loose in New Hampshire. A slide that only buries up a few farms nowadays is only a "slight" one—in fact, hardly worth mentioning.

The Democrats of Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, have met for the purpose of electing a new set of officers. They are opposed to the Civil Service law and in convention assembled have adopted a resolution demanding its abolition. They also insist that Cleveland shall fill all the offices "immediately" with Democrats. This way of attacking the Civil Service law is much more manly than the mode adopted in the New York custom house.

The gentleman, the Massachusetts Democrats have selected to preside in their State convention is Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, that is, an officer under a Republican administration. Suppose the situation had been reversed, and a Republican convention had selected a Republican holding office under a Democratic administration to preside? Would the Democracy have interpreted his acceptance of the position as "offensive partisanship" and demanded his removal?

If the weather is fair to-day the Puritan and Priscilla will sail another race. The winner will probably compete the first of next month with the English cutter Genesta, which came over with the intention of carrying back the famous cup now in the possession of Gen. Butler's American. Each yacht is anxious to be allowed this honor, and their utmost speed will be shown. Boston and New York anxiously await the result.

A correspondent sends a communication on the overloading of horses in which he is inclined to make complaint against the agent for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for not putting a stop to it. The agent is human and has but two eyes of the ordinary kind. He cannot possibly see all the cruel acts practiced by avaricious owners of public conveyances. If persons who know of cases of the kind will place the facts in his possession he will feel certain that he will not be slow in doing his duty. A letter in a newspaper giving neither names nor dates affords him no information on which to act.

A paragraph has been lately published stating that Denver, Colorado, had been "stricken with sudden paralysis; business stagnant, residences and business houses tenanted by the hundred, with vast numbers of money invested in them worthless sunk." Many inquiries from the East have followed this paragraph, and therefore, for the correct information of those interested, the Denver Chamber of Commerce states that the story is a fabrication. It was originated by a Journal in a Missouri river city, which conceives itself a rival of Denver, and that its own prosperity depends on pulling down that of others. The census of 1885 shows that the population of Denver has increased 40 per cent. since 1880. The recorder's records show that the warranty deeds of July, 1885, exceed in number and value any other July but 1882, when the railroads purchased much property for their improvements. Business men show no increase of trade each year. Real estate men have a less number of vacant houses than in usual in midsummer. The smelting works have enlarged their plants this year. Two hundred and fifty building permits have been issued. The banks show larger deposits and greater resources than ever before with one exception.

SUNDAY AT SUMMER RESORTS.

If the selection of Old Orchard as enforcing the law against open shops on Sunday, impartially, they are only doing their duty. The law of the State forbids traffic on Sunday, except in certain articles of necessity. It is a law that is not obsolete, but is regularly enforced throughout the cities and towns in the State. Men are fined almost every week in this city for keeping open shop on the Lord's Day. The people of Old Orchard, or some of them, seem to have a notion that summer resorts ought to be excepted from the operation of the law. But the statute makes no such exception and it is hard to see any good reason why it should be made by anybody. The Old Orchard people who held the indignation meeting expressed a willingness to properly observe the Sabbath. It would be interesting to know what these gentlemen consider a proper observance of the Sabbath, and they regard the keeping open of shops for trade and traffic not incompatible with such observance. It may be "old fogism" on the part of the selectmen to insist on the observance of the laws of the State and the requirements of good morals, but it is an "old fogism" which the best classes in the community respect and will be likely to endorse. If the complaint of the Old Orchard people is simply on account of the enforcement of the law they are not likely to get much sympathy from the better part of the community. If their complaint is that the law is being used as an instrument of persecution, that one man is prosecuted for violating it while another is allowed to violate it with impunity, and such moves to be the fact, then the selectmen are deserving of nothing but contempt.

It is high time that there was a general bracing up of public sentiment in regard to the observance of Sunday, and it is nowhere more needed than at the popular summer resorts, which have become the scenes of so-called sacred concerts, parties, disguised as campmeetings, and various other attractions which have for their sole object the putting of money into the hands of their originators, and if the Old Orchard selectmen are enforcing the law in good faith they are doing a good thing and ought to persevere despite indignation meetings or the croakings of interested parties who cry out that they will ruin the place as a summer resort. There is not the slightest danger of injury to the summer resort by compelling a proper observance of the Sabbath. The great majority of the boarders at these resorts believe in such an observance. The noisy crowds drawn thither by the attractions now advertised may be diminished by it, but that is much to be desired to prove a benefit in the long run even in the matter of dollars and cents, than an injury

CURRENT COMMENT.

WHAT THEY ALL SAY.
Brooklyn Eagle.

The Federal Civil Service Commission should be made Democratic without delay.

HE WENT TO CUT BAIT.
Philadelphia Press.

The Dr. Ward who accompanied President Cleveland into the Adirondacks is a fully developed Mugwump.

THE PRESIDENT IS OFF FISHING.

Providence Journal.

President Cleveland's open letter to the signers of the petition in the case of Police-Miller of Cincinnati, has not been written yet.

THE ONLY THOUGHT OF THE DEMOCRACY.

Baugh Commercial.

The Lewistown Journal has an editorial on "The March of the White Man." It has no reference to the procession of out-going fourth class postmasters.

ATTEMPTS OF HIS CONNECTION WITH AN ADMINISTRATIVE ORGAN.

N. Y. Post.

Isn't Mr. Dorshimer, an attorney of the United States, and won't he be an offensive partisan if, while holding a Federal office, he writes political and partisan editorials?

ABOUT LYING TO A REPORTER.

Springfield Republican.

A man who will lie to a reporter in answer to a civil and respectful question is a pretty small specimen of a man. Of course no man is obliged to answer a reporter's questions, but he declines to answer and is his own business. But to answer in a way to mislead is contemptible.

THE ADVANTAGE OF HAVING ONE'S NAME

Vanderbilt.

Baggage Master's Assistant at Grand Central Station—Here are 15 pieces for Saratoga.

Baggage Master—Well, hustle 'em in live!

Baggage Master's Assistant—They're all marked.

Baggage Master—Be careful of 'em, my boy; be careful of 'em. We've got plenty of time.

WARNING TO SPOILSMEN.

Baltimore Sun.

The repeal of the civil service law, as an issue would wreck the party that advocated it. The politicians who have therefore, to bring themselves ultimately to see that the principle of filling offices through impartial examinations, instead of boss dictation, is sound and must prevail. Let them admit it now, and like sensible men, seek to secure the correction of faults of detail.

JUST PUNISHMENT.

Philadelphia Press.

It should prove true that the accident yesterday on the steamer "Fulton" was caused by an infernal machine, and if the mischievous who carried the explosive aboard the vessel should be apprehended he ought to be arrayed in a life preserver filled with lead and made to jump off the wharf. Or he might be punished by being compelled to stand on Market street without food, water, or shelter until the cable cars begin to run.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

Minneapolis Tribune.

Let's see—Emma Abbott is growing stout, Mrs. Langtry is getting fat, the cause of a fight, Minnie Hauck flies the American flag from her castle, Christine Nilsson is taking a pleasure tour, statistics of Sara Bernhardt's earnings and descriptions of her wardrobe are floating about, Pauline Hall has just been presented with a very costly lace fan, John T. Raymond is again telling anecdotes and making dollars. Yes, summer is almost ended and another season is at hand.

MR. ENDICOTT HEADS THE LIST.

Salem News.

In the matter of official absenteeism among members of the Cabinet it seems that Mr. Endicott, he of the war portfolio, heads the list. His appointment he has been away from his post of duty for more than fifty days. This is about one-third of his time—although, too great a rate for a leading representative of a party that has been pleading for twenty-four years to be entrusted with the administration of public affairs, that "many and grave abuses might be corrected and a reign of simplicity restored." In the volume of junketing, too, Mr. Endicott is accorded a high rank.

PERSONAL AND PECULIAR

A Mt. Olivet, Ky., groceryman had some eggs hatch out while lying loose on a shelf in his store.

According to an eminent Southern authority on barbecues, it takes ten hours to roast a whole ox to perfection.

Princess Beatrice's husband having been made a royal highness, Princess Louise wants to know why she can't have a royal highness, too.

Dr. Douglas gave to a friend from Akron, O., a few days ago, the following epigram written on one of Gen. Grant's tablets: "I am not a personal pronoun, but a verb. A verb is a thing that does, or is, or suffers. I find in myself all three of these."

A silver dollar weighs very nearly an ounce. Hence any letter not heavier than a dollar can go for a single two-cent stamp. A cent added will give the ounce. If you have not the silver dollar, five nickels and a small copper cent will give an ounce.

A woman eighty years of age, living in Laurens county, S. C., says that she has never been inside of a store. The Charleston News doubts whether her duplicate can be found in the United States. Such life-long indifference to the allurements of the dry goods counter is certainly abnormal.

The custom in Pennsylvania has been to engage boys, outside of the mines picking safe, at the age of 12 years, to be given work inside the mines, attending the fans and air doors and driving mules. The new law demands that all boys under 14 years of age shall have an opportunity for an education.

A Syracuse bookseller has collected accounts of the lives of 10,000 centenarians. Of these 6000 came from Connecticut and the majority were women. Fifty single women reached 100 years, and only 12 husbands. Ministers are the most numerous of the professional classes, but the whole list does not contain a single newspaper man. Fast living is the bane of the editorial staff.

An entirely new kind of bank note, printed in colors, instead of the black and white of the Bank of England notes, is being prepared for issue by the Bank of Scotland. The chief novelty of the new note is in its colors, which will, of course, make reproduction by photography impossible, and it is believed, will render the bank note more secure.

A preacher in Youngstown, Ohio, having declared from his pulpit—"on the authority of a prominent physician"—that "no less than six ladies belonging to the best circles require his attendance on account of their 'dermatitis tremens.'" The doctors have held a meeting, pronounced the statement to be ridiculous, and demanded that the name of the "prominent physician" shall be given. This the clergyman refused to do.

A puzzle in orthology is found in an item in the Advertiser, of Fort Gaines, Ga. That paper learns that "befo' the wah" there was a bird throughout the South that "fed exclusively on cockle burrs." "At certain seasons of the year," runs this strange chronicle, "these birds would sweep down upon the fields, and when they departed, a burr would remain." The smell of burnt and burning powder for four years seems to have been too much for the burr-eaters, since now not a bird of the kind is to be found in the bush.

One of the front windows of a store in New Haven, Conn., is filled with trophies which Lieut. Howard gathered in Canada and the West. Among the curiosities is an Indian saddle, made of fur and trimmed with red fringe and beads, a medicine bag, a fur head dress, a tomahawk, a bone hide scraper and a tobacco and pipe pouch of fur and beads.

Also an Indian tomahawk of brown leather, the size of a drum head, Riel's battle flag, taken at Batoche, a scalp, lock, bows, arrows, spears, rifles and the hat worn by Ross, one of Riel's near friends, who was shot at Batoche.

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